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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS FROM SILBERMAN

1. DURING TALKS JUL 23RD WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTON, YUGOSLAV FONMIN MINCI SAID THERE WOULD BE A RESOLUTION AT COLOMBO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UN.

2. I ASKED HIM WHETHER SUCH RESOLUTION NEEDED BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUPPORT FOR UN AMONG SOME OF NON-ALIGNED. HE OF COURSE SAID THIS NOT THE REASON, THAT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY NON-ALIGNED AT COLOMBO WOULD BE TAKEN AROUND TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THEM TO SIGN. I THEN COMMENTED THAT THIS MEANT THE RESOLUTION REALLY AIMED AT UNITED STATES. MINIC AVOIDED DIRECT ANSWER, BUT ASKED GOVERNOR SCRANTON ABOUT US SUPPORT OF UN.

3. SCRANTON REPLIED THAT PUBLIC SUPPORT IN US FOR THE UN HAD BEEN WANING, AND MENTIONED WAY IN WHICH UN HANDLED ISSUES SUCH AS PUERTO RICO, KOREA AND MIDDLE EAST AS REASONS FOR THIS DECLINE. BUT WE MADE ADDITIONAL POINT TO MINIC. WE SAID IF UN ONLY A FORUM FOR BRINGING UP ISSUES THAT CONFRONTED JUST THE UNITED STATES, OR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES, (WHILE AVOIDING OTHER ISSUES INVOLVING DISPUTES OR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STATES) THEN OUR SUPPORT WOULD CONTINUE TO
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ERODE. AS EXAMPLE OF LATTER TENDENCY, WE POINTED OUT

LACK OF UN DEBATE ON QUESTION OF LIBYAN INTERVENTION
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